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**BRONX TAX PREPARER CHARGED WITH 43 COUNTS
OF AIDING IN THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT RETURNS**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that SILVIO AGUILAR, a tax preparer operating in the Bronx, was arrested yesterday on charges that he aided and assisted in the preparation of fraudulent federal tax returns.

The 43-count Indictment alleges that from approximately 1999 through 2004, AGUILAR ran a tax preparation business in the Bronx, and that he prepared income tax returns containing false and fraudulent earned income figures that generated Earned Income Credits for his clients to which they were not entitled.

AGUILAR was arraigned yesterday in Manhattan federal court before the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, United States District Judge, and entered a plea of not guilty. A pretrial conference in the case is scheduled for June 28, 2005.

AGUILAR, 57, lives in Brooklyn.

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 3 years in prison and the greatest of a \$250,000 fine, or

twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime.

Assistant United States Attorney JENNIFER M. MOORE is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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